Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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Comcast Corp.,)	
Time Warner Cable Inc.,)	MB Docket No. 14-57
Charter Communications, Inc., and)	
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For Consent To Transfer Control of)	
Licenses and Authorizations)	

JOINT OBJECTION TO DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL AND HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Joint Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, ¹ Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), Time Warner Cable Inc. ("TWC"), and Charter Communications, Inc. (collectively, "Applicants") hereby respectfully object to the disclosure of Applicants' Confidential and Highly Confidential Information to John Vezina, Political Director of the Writers Guild of America, West ("WGAW").²

To be clear: Applicants do not object to WGAW obtaining access to Confidential and Highly Confidential Information pursuant to the terms of the Joint Protective Order in order to facilitate a thorough analysis and ensure its full participation in this proceeding. However, the Joint Protective Order limits access to Confidential Information to Outside Counsel, In-House Counsel, and Outside Consultants (provided that such individuals are not involved in

Applications of Comcast Corp. and Time Warner Cable Inc. for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, Joint Protective Order, 29 FCC Rcd. 3688 ¶ 7 (MB 2014) ("Joint Protective Order"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Joint Protective Order.

² Pursuant to the Joint Protective Order, Applicants received a signed Acknowledgment for Mr. Vezina on September 8, 2014. *See* Exhibit 1 (Mr. Vezina's Acknowledgment).

Competitive Decision-Making), and limits access to Highly Confidential Information to Outside Counsel, Outside Consultants and experts, and "any consultant or expert employed by a non-commercial Participant in this proceeding" (all with the same restriction regarding Competitive Decision-Making). Together, these restrictions limit the disclosure of competitively sensitive information to individuals who should have no ability or incentive to use knowledge acquired from such information to harm the interests of the Submitting Parties.³ Because, based on conversations with WGAW representatives, Applicants understand that Mr. Vezina is not an attorney and because Mr. Vezina does not appear to qualify as an Outside Consultant, Applicants do not believe that he should be permitted access to Applicants' sensitive Confidential Information and even more sensitive Highly Confidential Information.

In particular, Applicants do not have sufficient information to make a determination as to whether Mr. Vezina qualifies as an "Outside Consultant." WGAW makes no showing that Mr. Vezina is an "expert" and a biography for Mr. Vezina is not available online. Even following discussions with WGAW representatives, it is not clear that Mr. Vezina has the type of advanced or specialized training, or demonstrated expertise that this Commission has typically associated with being "expert." Based on information available on WGAW's website and discussions with WGAW representatives, Mr. Vezina is involved in lobbying and other political activities on behalf of WGAW and in WGAW's political action committee. In contrast, WGAW's Director of Research and Public Policy, who submitted an Acknowledgment of Confidentiality for access

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³ See Examination of Current Policy Concerning the Treatment of Confidential Information Submitted to the Commission, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 24816 ¶ 21 (1998) (noting that protective orders are adopted to "protect[] competitively valuable information while permitting limited disclosure for a specific public purpose").

See, e.g., WGAW, WGAW Political and Public Policy Team in Action, http://www.wga.org/content/default.aspx?id=4735 (last visited Sept. 10, 2014). Moreover, in Mr. Vezina's more general role of WGAW's Political Director, it is possible that Mr. Vezina may be involved in Competitive Decision-Making – i.e., providing "advice about or participat[ing] in . . . the analysis underlying the business decisions of . . . [WGAW's] business relationship" with Applicants. See Joint Protective Order ¶ 2 (defining "Competitive Decision-Making").

to Highly Confidential and Confidential Information in this proceeding that was uncontested by Applicants,⁵ is active in Commission proceedings and performs strategic research and analysis of trends in the entertainment industry for WGAW. Applicants are concerned that deeming Mr. Vezina an expert without some reasonable showing will constitute an invitation for almost any employee of any Participant of an arguably "non-commercial" nature to obtain access to Applicants' most sensitive business information – information to which the Commission has rightly accorded the highest protection. Applicants do not believe that this was the Commission's intention in fashioning restrictions intended to allow a consultant or expert employed by a non-commercial Participant to gain access to Highly Confidential Information.

Furthermore, WGAW has retained Outside Counsel and Outside Consultants who have filed signed Acknowledgments and are entitled to access Applicants' Confidential and Highly Confidential Information pursuant to the Joint Protective Order. Thus, WGAW will not be harmed by enforcement of the terms of the Joint Protective Order with respect to Mr. Vezina.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants request that the Media Bureau deny Mr. Vezina access to Applicants' Confidential and Highly Confidential materials submitted pursuant to the Joint Protective Order in this proceeding. Granting this request is necessary to preserve and enforce the limitations and protections established by the Joint Protective Order for Applicants' Confidential and Highly Confidential Information.

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⁵ See Exhibit 2 (additional Acknowledgments submitted by WGAW).

⁶ *Id.* ¶¶ 1, 2, 7; *see also* Exhibit 2.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Francis M. Buono

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September 11, 2014





September 8, 2014

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Acknowledgments of Confidentiality, In the Matter of Applications of Comcast

Corp. and Time Warner Cable Inc. For Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of

Licenses and Authorizations, MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Writers Guild of America, West, I submit Acknowledgements of Confidentiality required by the April 4, 2014 Joint Protective Order (DA 14-463) filed in the above captioned proceeding, on behalf of the following individual:

John Vezina, Political Director, WGAW

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ellen Stutzman estutzman@wga.org

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

MB Docket No. 14-57

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Executed this 8th day of September, 2014.

Political Director

Writers Guild of America, West Inc.

323-782-4859

I, Ellen Stutzman, Director of Research & Public Policy for the Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., certify on this 8th day of September, 2014, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing letter and Acknowledgments of Confidentiality to be served via electronic mail on the following listed below:

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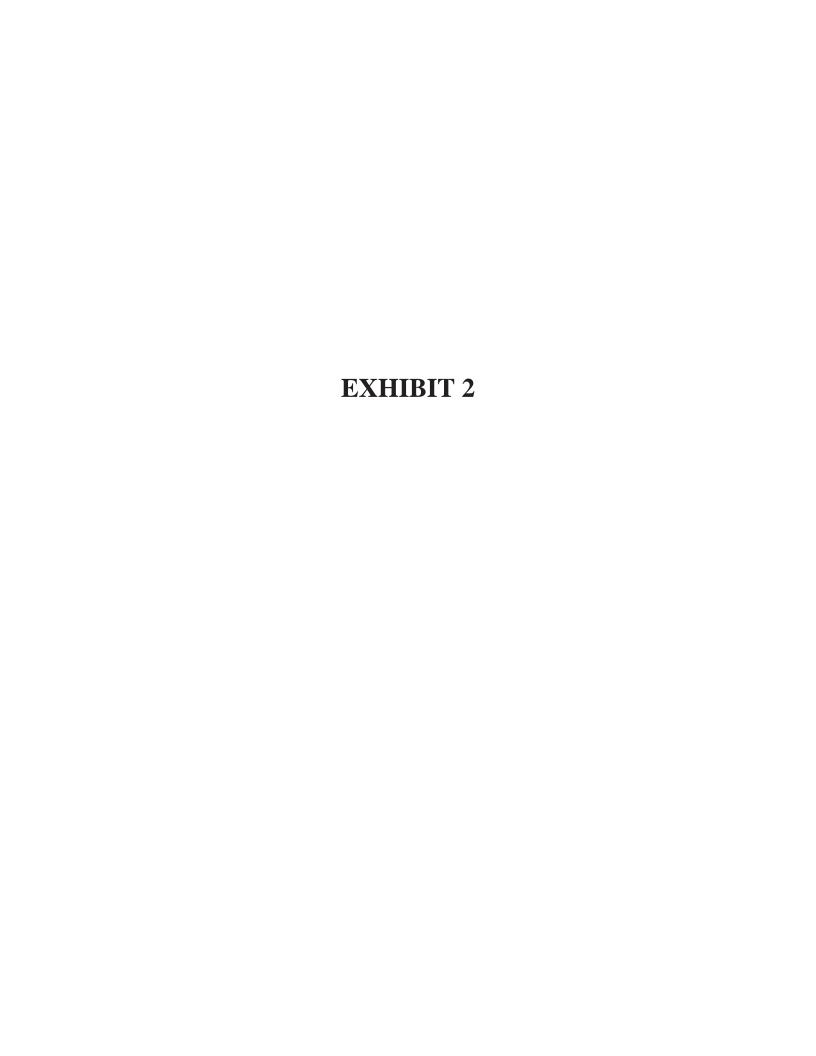
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April 30, 2014

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Sincerely,

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Ellen Stutzman

Director, Research & Public Policy Writers Guild of America, West Inc.

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Michael A. Forscey

Outside Counsel to WGAW

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Executed this 6 day of June , 2014

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1, Ellen Stutzman, Director of Research & Public Policy for the Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., certify on this 4th day of June, 2014, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing letter and Acknowledgments of Confidentiality to be served via electronic mail on the following listed below:

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Ellen Stutzman

I, Melanie A. Medina, hereby certify that on September 11, 2014, copies of the attached Joint Objection to Disclosure of Confidential and Highly Confidential Information were served by electronic mail and overnight delivery to the following.

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